(b) Estimated milk production during the past three years is as under:

1990-91: 53.7 million tonnes

1991-92: 56.3 million tonnes

1992-93: 58.6 million tonnes (anticipted achievement)

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

**Expansion of Operation of Black Board**

360. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to expand "Operation Black Board" scheme; and

(b3 if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) Government have taken a decision to expand the scheme during the VIIIth Plan so as to provide 3 rooms and 3 teachers in about 30 per cent of the schools where the enrolment exceeds 100. It has also been decided to provide additional teacher and accommodation as well as teaching earning equipment for about 10 per cent of the upper primary schools.

Central assistance will consist of salary of additional teacher during the VIIIth Plan and for equipment for upper primary schools. Construction will be the State Government's responsibility.

**Case against ICAR**

3313. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Council of Agricultural Research has hired the services of M/s. Sikri and Company, a private firm for peading the case filed against the ICAR;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether ICAR is permitted to do so;

(c) if so, what are the Rules and conditions under which ICAR has hired the services of a private firm;

(d) whether the legal Advisors of ICAR and other Government Lawyers who are already pleading their are incompetent to handle their cases;

(e) whether ICAR is seeking a large number of adjournments in the current case of Scientists being heard in the Central Administrative Tribunal's principal bench, New Delhi only due to the illness of senior counsel of M/s. Sikri and Company;

(f) whether I.C.A.R. is spending a huge amount of money in legal cases due to the above reasons; and

(g) whether some standby arrangement can be made by I.C.A.R. so as to avoid the wasteful expenditure in the present case in the CAT; if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY- SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) and (c). The ICAR is a registered society registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 which functions on the basis of grants-in-aid from the Govt. of India. The affairs of the Society are regulated by the Rules and Bye laws framed by the Governing Body of ICAR. Being a Society it is treated at par with Public Sector Undertakings for the purpose of Legal Advice and for conduct of litigation. The Ministry of Law has suggested that the Society may prepare a list of it's own Counsels/Advocates/Pleaders and frame its own rules or terms and conditions of appointment

including maximum fees permissible to them. The Society has accordingly prepared a panel of its own Counsels/ Advocates and M/s. Sikri & Co., Advocate is one of them. The conditions for hiring the services of M/s. Sikri & Co., are the same as in the CSIR, a sister organisation and have been decided with the approval of the Competent Authority of ICAR.

(d) The Legal Adviser is not required to plead ICAR cases personally in the court.

(e) No, Sir. No Senior Counsel from M/s. Sikri & Co. has been engaged to defend ICAR in this case and no judgement has been sought by ICAR due to the illness of Senior Counsel of M/s. Sikri & Co.

(f) The payment of fee to M/s. Sikri & Co. Advocate including others is being made as per the rates approved by ICAR which permits payment of fee for effective hearing only.

(g) Since the payment of fee is made according to approved rates, no wasteful expenditure is involved in the present case.

**Allocation of fertilizers**

3314. SHRI DEBABRATA BISWAS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of different types of fertilizers allotted to states from Central pool during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the quantity of these fertilizers is likely to be increased during 1993-94; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) Statement indicating the allocation of fertilisers to States during the years 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93 is enclosed. (*See* below).

(b) and (c) Allocation of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers to States has been discontinued with effect from 25.8.92 consequent on their decontrol. However, the requirement of statutorily controlled fertilisers for each State/Union Territory is assessed in consultation with the State/Union Territory administration and the fertilisers industry in advance of each crop season namely Kharif and Rabi. The quantum of allocation of these fertilisers is based on consumption trends and various crop production programmes under taken by the State Govts./Union Territory administrations.

**Statement**

*Allocation of fertilisers to states during the last three years*

(Lakh Tonnes)

| Product | 1990-91 | 1991-92 | 992-93 |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. Urea | 147.35 | 159.53 | 164.32 |
| 2. Ammonium Sulphate | 8.11 | 3.61* | 3.30@ |
| 3. Ammonium Chloride | 1.04 | 0.45* | 0.91@ |
| 4. Calcium Ammonium Nitrate | 5.02 | 2.48* | 2.79 @ |